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"POINTS OF VIEW: LATIN AMERICA" IN THE JULY 28 EDITION OF  
THE ECONOMICALLY ORIENTED AND INDEPENDENT DAILY PANORAMA:  
"THE VISIT TO CUBA OF ANGOLAN PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO  
ATTRACTED ATTENTION LAST WEEKEND. HE MET WITH PREMIER  
FIDEL CASTRO. IT IS THE FIRST TRIP ABROAD FOR PRESIDENT  
NETO AND OBSERVERS ARE WONDERING ABOUT THE MOTIVES AND THE  
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE ANGOLAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE.  
WHY DID HE CHOSE TO GO TO HAVANA RATHER THAN MOSCOW?  
AGOSTINHO NETO HAS NOT HEEDED WASHINGTON'S WARNING THAT  
IN ORDER TO HAVE HIS REGIME RECOGNIZED, CUBAN TROOPS  
STATIONED IN ANGOLA WOULD HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN. AND NOW  
AN ACCORD WAS JUST CONCLUDED FOR CONTINUED OR EVEN INCREASED  
CUBAN-ANGOLAN COOPERATION. THE AGREEMENT IN QUESTION UNDERSCORES  
THE CONTRIBUTION THAT CUBAN SPECIALISTS CAN GIVE TO THE ANGOLANS  
IN THE TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS, BUT ONLY VAGUELY  
MENTIONS MILITARY AID. ONE RECALLS THAT FIEDL CASTRO HAD  
FORMALLY PROMISED SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLAF PALME TO WITHDRAW  
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THE CUBAN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA. THIS EVACUATION, ACCORDING TO THE

CUBAN PREMIER, SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT GRADUALLY. IT IS REPORTED THAT CUBAN PILOTS MAY HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN, BUT ACCORDING TO AN FNLA SOURCE, ONE OF THE TWO FACTIONS DEFEATED BY THE PRESENT MPLA GOVERNMENT, FIGHTING HAS RECOMMENCED IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY. TWO TOWNS WERE TAKEN BY FNLA FORCES AND 41 CUBANS WERE KILLED DURING THE STRUGGLE AND A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT TAKEN. HAS PRESIDENT NETO COME TO ASK FIDEL CASTRO FOR INCREASED MILITARY ASSISTANCE?  
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